## **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT**

**Great White Throne Judgment** — At the END of the millennium (the 1,000 year rule of Jesus), all those who have ever lived (and who were not part of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection that occurs at the start of the millennium) will be raised back to life as flesh and blood human beings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection (Revelation 20:4-6). This will constitute the vast overwhelming majority of people who have ever lived—as relatively very few people will be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> resurrection.

"Then I saw a GREAT WHITE THRONE and Him who sat on it... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God... And the dead were JUDGED according to their *works*... Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the *second death*. And anyone NOT found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:11-15).

As shown in the above Scriptures, Christ will judge the dead (who are resurrected back to life in the 2<sup>nd</sup> resurrection) according to their *works* (that is—according to how they lived their lives with respect to God's Word). And those who are NOT found written in the Book of Life (because they did *not* live their lives according to God's Word) will be cast into the lake of fire. But notice—they will NOT suffer in a place of torment (i.e. "hell") for all eternity. On the contrary—they will die instantaneously in the lake of fire ("the second *death*"). As a result, they will never live again but will remain dead forever.

But those whose names ARE found written in the Book of Life—as a result of their *works* (for they *did* live their lives according to God's Word)—will be granted eternal life and become members of God's Family.

**Revelation 20:4-6** — NLT — Then I saw thrones, and the people sitting on them had been given the authority to

judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony about Jesus, for proclaiming the word of God. And I saw the souls of those who had not worshiped the beast or his statue, nor accepted his mark on their forehead or their hands. They came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. (*The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.*) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him a thousand years.

**Revelation 20:11-15** — NLT — And I saw A GREAT WHITE THRONE, and I saw the One who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from His presence, but they found no place to hide. *I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne.* And the books were opened, including the BOOK OF LIFE. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, *according to what they had done.* The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their *deeds.* And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire. This is *the second death*—*the lake of fire.* AND ANYONE WHOSE NAME WAS NOT FOUND RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.

**Revelation 22:14** — Blessed are those who *do His commandments*, that they may have the right to the TREE OF LIFE, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

**Revelation 21:7-8** — "He who *overcomes* shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually

immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in *the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*"

**Isa 65:20** — "NO MORE SHALL AN INFANT FROM THERE LIVE BUT A FEW DAYS, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; *For the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.*"

See also: Judgment Day